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25/... Freedom of opinion and expression: mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolutions 7/36 of 28 March 2008, 12/16 of 2 October 2009, 16/4 of 24 March 2011 and 23/2 of 13 June 2013, and all previous resolutions of the Commission on Human Rights and the Council on the right to freedom of opinion and expression,

Recognizing that the effective exercise of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, as enshrined in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, is essential for the enjoyment of other human rights and freedoms, and constitutes a fundamental pillar for building a democratic society and strengthening democracy, bearing in mind that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1 and 5/2 of 18 June 2007,

* Non-member State of the Human Rights Council.

1. *Welcomes* the work of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression;

2. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur for a further period of three years;

3. *Urges* all States to cooperate fully with and assist the Special Rapporteur in the performance of his/her tasks, to provide all necessary information requested by him/her and to consider favourably his/her requests for visits and for implementing his/her recommendations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the assistance necessary to the Special Rapporteur to fulfil his/her mandate, in particular by placing adequate human and material resources at his/her disposal;

5. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report to the Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly covering all activities relating to his/her mandate, with a view to maximizing the benefits of the reporting process;

6. *Decides* to continue its consideration of the issue of the right to freedom of opinion and expression in accordance with its programme of work.